

Boykins, Southampton Co., Virginia

On Main Line of Seaboard Air Line Railway and Terminus of Branch Line
Running 35 Miles to Lewiston, N. C., Penetrating Magnificent Lumber Region

¶ In the heart of rich timbered lands of Meherrin and Roanoke River Valleys. Pine, Oak, Hickory, Poplar, Gum, Cypress, Birch, Walnut, Maple and other woods in greatest abundance.

¶ Boykins is the centre of Virginia's and North Carolina's finest cotton growing lands.

¶ No better lands for Peanut culture than those surrounding Boykins. Also magnificent Trucking Territory—all vegetables growing to perfection.

¶ Abundant supply of best water on earth that gushes from 38 artesian wells within the corporate limits of Boykins. Splendid undeveloped water power within the town.

¶ The business Men's Association of Boykins invites attention of capi-

talists and manufacturers seeking sites contiguous to raw material to the incorporated town of Boykins, which is destined to be a large manufacturing centre.

¶ Right at Boykins' door are inexhaustible supplies of timber for the manufacture of furniture of all kinds. Spokes and handles, wagons and buggies, barrels and kegs, staves, shingles and boxes and all manner of house building materials.

¶ Raw material for Cotton Cloth and Cotton Yarn Factories abundant all around Boykins, also for Cotton-Seed Oil Mills.

¶ Boykins is an ideal site for Fruit and Vegetable Canneries and for Peanut Factories; supply of fruits, vegetables and peanuts being abundant.

Home Capital Stands Ready to Join With That of Men of Experience to Establish Industries of Above Character at Boykins.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ADDRESS

Business Men's Association, - - - Boykins, Virginia.

S. L. BEATON, President.
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W. A. POWELL, Vice-President.
CLAUDE T. BEATON, Secretary.

BOYKINS GETTING IN THE LIMELIGHT

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artesian wells within the corporate limits, the citizens finding it cheaper to reach a never failing supply of good water by this than by any other known method. These wells vary from 85 to 140 feet in depth, and the total cost of boring one and putting its constant flow at service is from \$35 to \$40. The water from every well in the town flows freely through the pipes a distance of four to six feet above the ground. The water has been analyzed and found to be pure and healthful. It is used for all purposes.

On Farrara Creek, a bold stream flowing on the edge of the town within a quarter of a mile of the centre, is a magnificent partially developed water power, which, with further development, can be made to produce the power to run six or seven large factories, either cotton mills or wood-working establishments.

Merchants and Manufacturers.

The town does a good mercantile business, there being here ten general stores, a complete drug store, an up-to-date millinery store, a musical instrument store, a furniture store and a feed and grain establishment. These stores do an annual business of between \$300,000 and \$500,000. The merchants sell large quantities of farming machinery and agricultural implements. Boykins is a large horse and mule market; three livery and sale stables buy largely every year to supply the farmers of the surrounding section with farm work animals.

The De Lantier Manufacturing Company conducts extensive planing mills, and do a large business in building material, manufacturing here for home consumption and for shipment to larger towns stairways, porch columns, balustrades, brackets, etc. The establishment is equipped with modern machinery, and is up-to-date in all respects.

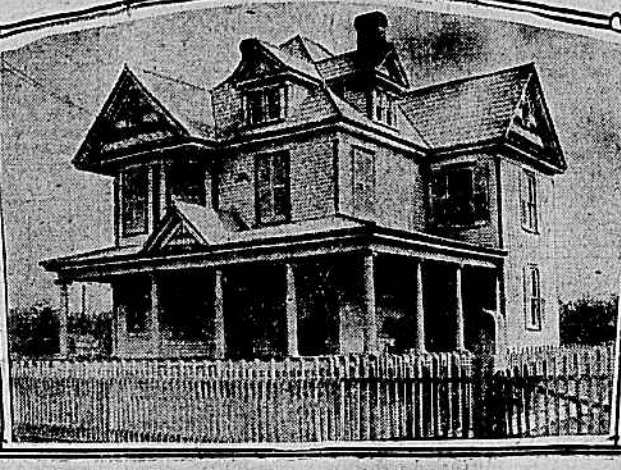
Cotton Ginning and Baling.

What is perhaps the most complete cotton-ginning establishment along the Virginia and Carolina sections of the Seaboard Air Line is located here, and is owned and conducted by W. W. White. There are no larger ginneries, but there are none on the line that is

GROUP OF PRETTY HOMES IN THE ATTRACTIVE TOWN OF BOYKINS



W. A. Powell's Residence.



DR. B. R. BRYANT'S RESIDENCE.



R. M. Knight's Residence.

better equipped for the work. A wagon load of cotton just as it comes from the field can be run under the building, the load taken by suction to the machinery above, and in the short space of twenty minutes the fleecy substitute is returned seedless to the wagon, packed and tightly baled and ready for shipment to any part of the world or for manufacture at a nearby cotton factory. If there was one here, this gin turns out from 700 to 1,000 bales of cotton per year. Another gin, owned and managed by T. P. Weston, does a good business, its capacity being eight to ten bales per day.

The Boykins Electric Light Company lights up the streets of the town and all the residences in it. The plant can be arranged in a few days to supply electric power for various small industries, and the management stands ready to supply such a demand whenever it arises.

Around the town within a radius of ten miles there are fifteen sawmills, and there will be twice as many more as soon as wood-working factories are established here to consume their product. In the same territory there are numbers of grist mills of considerable capacity.

Two Strong Country Banks.

Boykins has ample banking facilities. The Meherrin Valley Bank, just five years old, has made a good record, and is entitled to a high place on the national roll of banks. It has a surplus considerably in excess of its capital stock. The capital is \$10,000 and the surplus \$12,000. The bank has loaned out about \$60,000, and has deposits of the same amount. The total assets foot up \$92,000. Its neat little banking house, with the furniture and fixtures, is valued at \$2,500. Mr. Joseph L. Barham is the president; R. H. Powell, vice-president; J. W. Fleetwood, cashier, and R. C. Knight, assistant cashier.

The Bank of Boykins is a younger financial institution. W. W. White, one of the most energetic of the leading business men of the town, is the president, and Mr. J. W. Martin is cashier. The Bank of Boykins was established in 1905, but already it has declared two dividends and not made a surplus of \$100, which will be materially increased

at the next meeting of the stockholders, soon to be held.

The capital stock is \$10,000; deposits, \$24,000, and loans and discounts, \$23,000. This bank also owns its home, which is valued at \$3,000.

Under the new order of things, developed by twentieth century intelligence and push, the town, with a rich back country to furnish factories with raw material and products upon which to feed factory managers, and operators, has in the beginning a running start on its less fortunate competitors, and this is why factories are leaving the prairies of the West and the bleak North hills to come South.

There is not a location in the South that is more highly favored in this respect than the town of Boykins. Its supporting back country is made up of large sections of Southampton, Greensville, Sussex, Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties in Virginia, and Northampton, Hertford, and Bertie counties in North Carolina. There are no counties in the South that are richer

in forests of varied timbers, in cotton, in peanuts, in grains, in grasses, in vegetables and other products of a rich soil than the counties named.

Here are to be found the yellow pine in greatest abundance, white and red oak, red and white heart cypress, poplar, ash, walnut, birch, maple, hickory, dogwood, sweet and black gum and the famous "bow" gum or pawpaw. This last named is very valuable, but its value has only recently become known. It is used for porch columns, wainscoting and ceiling, and being susceptible of a high state of polish, it is now much sought after. The "bow" gum or pawpaw grows in the greatest profusion here, as do all of the other timbers named. Much of the yellow pine that abounds in great forests is of the original growth, transportation facilities having heretofore been limited and local manufactures few and far between.

The forests which abound in all of these timbers are almost inexhaustible, and in consequence there is no point in

all the South which offers greater inducements to the makers of furniture, wagons and buggies, spokes, handles and hubs, barrels, boxes, shingles, and all manner of building materials than does Boykins.

Many farmers who cultivate the lands within a circle of twenty to twenty-five miles around Boykins have prospered and grown rich raising cotton, peanuts, grasses, the grains, vegetables, etc. Enough cotton is raised here to supply a half-dozen or more factories with the raw material, and still more would be raised if the factories were here to create a demand without shipment hence.

An enumeration of the varied products of the rich lands surrounding Boykins naturally leads to the conclusion that cotton mills for the manufacture of yarns and cloth, and cotton seed oil mills could find no better location in the South than right here at Boykins. A peanut-clearing establishment would find here all the advantages that are possible. The lands being well adapted to trucking and fruit growing, would furnish abundant supplies of material for canning factories.

The lands in the back country surrounding Boykins produce profitably all the grains—wheat, oats and corn—especially the last named. Grasses grow well, and the farmers make money cultivating timothy, clover and other hays. Where there is so much grain and such an abundance of grasses stock raising is made profitable.

Hogs, cattle and horses are raised in this part of the country as "money crops." Thousands of the noted "Smithfield" hams are cut from hogs that grow in the back country surrounding Boykins. Hundreds of pigs are cured and sold at fancy prices right here, but many more are hauled to Smithfield in the pork state to be cured and sold there. A "ham factory" would do well in Boykins.

A striking evidence of the productivity of the lands in this section is furnished in the fact that the farmers are well-to-do, and many of them have money to invest in manufacturing plants if the experienced men will come along with enough money to take "put-stuck" with them.

Boykins to be Manufacturing Centre.

With such a back country to support it and to furnish the raw material for any number of factories and to supply the "bread and meat" to feed the operatives, there is no good reason why Boykins shall not become the manufacturing town its wide-awake citizens have determined it shall be.

Those people have so much faith in the doctrine they preach that they stand ready to invest their money in factories, and announce to the world that home capital is ready and waiting to join in with that of outsiders of experience who wish to make Boykins their home and the seat of their activities in life. And this brings me back to the good town of Boykins and its attractions.

There is not a lovelier little town in the State, it has wide and well-shaded streets, cozy and charming residences, a splendid high school, of which I will speak more in detail in the Educational Department of "The Times-Dispatch," several churches, a Masonic lodge, which owns a good lodge room, and a town hall beneath with a seating capacity of 300, and many other advantages which make the social life here delightful and the moral atmosphere decidedly healthful.

The town is dry, and so is all of the surrounding section, although no local option election has ever been held here. The people are religiously and otherwise opposed to the selling and the drinking of whiskey, and they so inform the judges of the courts, with the result that every applicant for liquor license for the past decade has been turned down, and that is why Boykins is dry. Boykins has two well-kept and exceptionally neat little hotels, and many small industries usual in a Virginia town.

Such a village was to be expected to grow into town proportions, and Boykins has grown wonderfully in the last five years. Noting shows this better than the post-office figures, which reveal the fact that for five years past the receipts have increased 20 per cent. per annum. The town is in close touch with the rich back country by the means of telephones and rural free delivery of mails.

Recently the people came together

and organized the Boykins Business Men's Association, with the following officers: S. L. Beaton, president; W. A. Powell, vice-president; M. J. Knight, treasurer, and Claude T. Beaton, secretary.

The association has gone to work in an active and intelligent way to exploit the advantages of Boykins, and to tell the world that this place wants and can sustain all manner of cotton factories, wood-working factories, tanneries, canneries, peanut factories and any other establishments that need for support the raw material and products I have tried to tell about above; and do not let it be forgotten, they are letting the world know that there is much home capital here ready, willing and waiting to join in with experience and more money to help along the good work.

Taken altogether, Boykins is a delightful little town, and one that is destined to drop the title "little," for it does not grow within the next half a decade into a large town of commanding, commercial and manufacturing importance, all the signs of the times will have faded, as will the well-directed efforts of its wide-awake Business Men's Association, and of its citizens generally. That these efforts will fail is a thought that cannot be entertained for a moment.

LAST WEEK'S SALES SEASON'S LARGEST

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the buyers have in hand orders from all of the principal countries of the world, and are watching the market's interest at all times.

Farmville Sales Increasing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., March 7.—The dull season with Farmville merchants, which set in after the Christmas trade, has been broken by increased sales of tobacco during the past two weeks. The four warehouses have been full to the brim, and large quantities of the weed have daily been brought to Farmville and deposited with the managers of the Tobacco Association. Such prices have not been known before in years, and every farmer who has sold his crop is elated. Below is the range of prices paid this week:

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| Common lugs | 4 50 | 4 75 |
| Good to fine lugs | 7 00 | 8 50 |
| Medium to good shorts | 5 50 | 6 50 |
| Long leaf, common | 3 00 | 10 00 |
| Good to fine shipping | 10 00 | 14 00 |
| Small wrappers | 10 50 | 15 00 |
| Medium wrappers | 12 00 | 15 00 |
| Fine wrappers | 15 00 | 25 00 |

Blackstone Market.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSTONE, VA., March 7.—The first of the week showed large sales of tobacco on this market, those of Tuesday being the heaviest of any day this season. Between \$0,000 and 100,000 pounds were marketed at an average price of about \$5.50 per hundred. The last day or two of this week's sales were lighter. Buyers say that it did not look for any falling off in prices since their orders are nothing like filled.

Small Receipts at Rocky Mount.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., March 7.—Receipts of leaf tobacco have been very small this week, amounting to about 100,000 pounds.

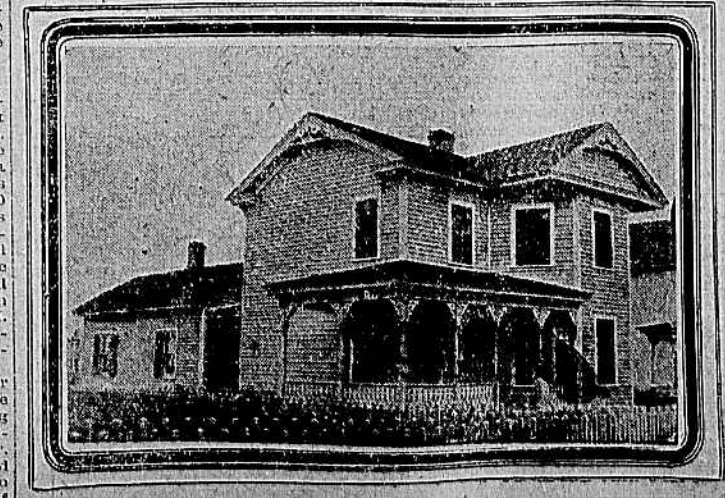
Offerings are not so good as last week; many farmers selling the last of their crops—barn cleanings—which are always more or less undesirable. Prices are fully up on all grades, and as a rule very satisfactory to the sellers. The farmers are all busy making preparations for another crop, which is thought will be slightly increased in acreage.

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